

Stacye Richardson's President's Block

The block Stacye has requested is a modified pineapple block, with blue and yellow fabric and a scrappy look. This means as many different blues and yellows you wish to use are OK. The block will finish as a 12" square (12 1/2" unfinished). All seams are sewn as a scant 1/4".



Cutting Directions:

Blue Center Square 3 3/8" x 3 3/8" cut 1

Yellow Triangles 3" square cut two. Cut each square on the diagonal to yield 4 triangles. These triangles will be attached to the center square.

Blue 4 1/2" x 1 1/2" Cut 2

Blue 6 1/2" x 1 1/2" Cut 4

*****Yellow Squares** – 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" Cut 12 and cut four 3" x 3" (for row 5)

Blue 8 1/2" x 1 1/2" Cut 4 pieces

Blue 10 1/2" x 1 1/2" Cut 2 pieces and two 10 1/2" x 1 5/8" pieces (for row 5)

Blue 12 1/2" x 1 5/8" Cut 2 pieces

Sewing Directions

Row 1 – Take center 3 3/8" square and sew a 3" triangle to each side (to center the triangle on the side fold the square in half on each side of the blue square and finger press, then fold the triangle in half along the long side and finger press, match the fold on the blue square with the fold on the yellow triangle and stitch using a scant 1/4" seam, press. The square should be 4 1/2" on each side at this point. Press all seams to the outside of the block.

Row 2 – sew two of the 4 ½” x 1 ½” blue strips to opposite sides of the block, press, then sew two 6 ½” x 1 ½” strips to opposite sides. Take 4 yellow 2 ½” squares Draw a light pencil line diagonally. Place a yellow block in each of the 4 corners and stitch on the diagonal line such that when you press the yellow back it will complete the square corner. Trim triangle waste portion ¼” from the stitching line toward the corner.

** (If you choose you may sew an additional line of stitching ½” from the first stitching toward the outer corner to give you a “freebie” small half square triangle block. You can now cut between the stitched lines and finish pressing this row. The Block should be 6 ½” square at this point. Press all seams to the outside of the block.

Row 3 – sew two 6 ½” blue strips to opposite sides, press, sew two 8 ½” blue strips to the other two sides, press. Take 4 yellow 2 ½” squares Draw a light pencil line diagonally (this is your stitching line). Place a yellow block in each of the 4 corners and stitch on the diagonal line such that when you press the yellow back it will complete the square corner. The block should measure 8 ½” square at this point. Press seams toward the outside of the block.

** freebie directions in row 2 as above if desired.

Row 4 – sew two 8 ½” x 1 ½” strips to opposite sides, press, sew two 10 ½” x 1 ½” strips to the other two sides, press. Add the yellow 2 ½” squares as in previous rows. The block should be 10 ½” square at this point. Press seams toward the outside of the block.

Row 5 – sew two 10 ½” x 1 5/8” blue strips to opposite sides, press, sew two 12 ½” x 1 5/8” strips to the other two sides, press. Add the 3” yellow squares as in previous rows. The block is now finished and should measure twelve and 1/2” square. Press all seams toward the outside of the block. (the extra width on this final row should allow for squaring up (if necessary) to a 12 ½” square.

Note: if you decide to make the freebie half square triangles but do not want them for yourself, please bring them to the guild meeting I believe there are guild members who will take them off your hands.

Possible Layouts

